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Minority women steer clear of CIA jobs

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — CIA Director Stansfield Turner told Special Presidential Assistant Bunny Mitchell recently that one of his agency's toughest jobs is recruiting minority women.

"I can understand why. I can assure you I don't want to come to your agency," Mrs. Mitchell replied with a laugh. "But I want to follow that up."

Martha Mallard Mitchell, 36, is the only black and one of two women in the top ranks of the White House. She is known to all by her nickname, given by her mother.

Bunny Mitchell's White House responsibility is issues that concern black Americans. She also is the presidential liaison with the District of Columbia.

She is not a verbal flamethrower in the tradition of militants of the 1960's. She is happy and optimistic.

She does not arm herself with statistics on how many women and blacks have been put in decision-making posts in the administration. Instead, Mrs. Mitchell says, she has "a sense" that things are better.

"I know that around here there are more women and more blacks than I can keep up with, which means there are not just a few token people strolling around," she said during an interview.

She can cite examples: There are four black professionals on the Domestic Council; more than half of domestic affairs adviser Stuart Eisenstat's staff are women; Eisenstat has one deputy who is black and another who is a woman; White House Counsel Robert Lipshutz and Cab-

net Secretary Jack Watson have women deputies.

"I know what the skepticism is and has been — and for good reason," Mrs. Mitchell said.

"I know some of the women who worked over here in previous administrations. Sallyanne Payton was the first black and maybe the first woman on the Domestic Council."

She sees her jobs as monitoring, assisting, but not aggressively demanding that Mr. Carter appoint more women and minorities to key jobs: "I see my job as identifying areas in which we can make a better effort to bring it to people's attention."

Mrs. Mitchell, who has a second-floor White House office, earns the same \$51,000 a year as every other special assistant.

She received degrees in advertising and personnel from Michigan State University, taught school in Gary and came to Washington in 1968 as one of the original staff at Federal City College. From 1972 to 1975, she was involved in drug abuse programs here and she was active in women's politics.

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